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To enact section 3767.52 of the Revised Code to
create a complete defense to certain nuisance
claims regarding racing facilities and
racetracks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3767.52 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3767.52. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Area of the racing facility and racetrack" means an
area that is located within a five-mile radius of the perimeter
of the property or contiguous group of properties where a racing
facility and racetrack is located.

(2) "Building" has the same meaning as in section 3781.06
of the Revised Code.

(3) "Ordinary and anticipated activities" include noise,
dust, traffic, lighting, and any other activities typically
associated with the lawful operation of a racing facility and
racetrack.

(4) "Racing facility and racetrack" means a designated

area or facility where competitive vehicle and motorsport races 19
are conducted, including the track, spectator areas, garages, 20
and any associated grounds, buildings, or appurtenances used to 21
operate the races. 22

(B) In a civil action for nuisances involving a racing 23
facility and racetrack arising on or after the effective date of 24
this section that is brought by a person who owns real property 25
within the area of the racing facility and racetrack, it is a 26
complete defense if all of the following are met: 27

(1) The person either purchased the real property or 28
constructed a building on the real property after the date that 29
the racing facility and racetrack completed construction. 30

(2) The racing facility and racetrack is lawfully 31
operating. 32

(3) The nuisance claim is based on ordinary and 33
anticipated activities of the racing facility and racetrack. 34

(C) The complete defense under this section applies 35
regardless of any lawful changes to the size, scope, 36
configuration, or technology of the racing facility and 37
racetrack, or type of racing conducted at the racing facility 38
and racetrack. 39

(D) This section shall not be construed to exempt a racing 40
facility and racetrack from compliance with state or federal 41
environmental laws or health and safety regulations or from a 42
claim based on physical damage or personal injury. 43

(E) No county or township may adopt or enforce a 44
resolution that conflicts with this section. 45